

# 11th Annual Blackbird Creek Fall Festival to celebrate Delaware's natural treasures Saturday, Oct. 20

**TOWNSEND** – DNREC and the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve ([DNERR](#)) will showcase one of the most natural areas in Delaware – which includes autumn's vibrant foliage within the lush landscape of the Blackbird Creek Reserve – when the [11th Annual Blackbird Creek Fall Festival](#) is held from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 20. The festival will take place, rain or shine, at the [Blackbird Creek Reserve](#), located at 801 Blackbird Landing Road near Townsend, a destination on the Delaware Bayshore Byway.

The festival along the banks of beautiful Blackbird Creek will feature traditional crafts and demonstrations by a blacksmith, hands-on learning about the estuary, archery, canoeing, live music, and kids' activities including crafts, free face painting, and colonial-era activities. Visitors may also browse the works of artisans and exhibitors, enjoy hayrides, take guided hikes of the reserve led by a Delaware state forester, and view Native American demonstrations.

The Blackbird Creek Fall Festival is free to all, and offers something for the entire family, regardless of age. DNERR encourages everyone to come and explore this scenic area – by foot, hayride or canoe – and enjoy the musical talents of Crabmeat Thompson, East of the Mason-Dixon Line, The Jolly What, and the Smyrna High School drumline.

Families also can participate in the "Thank You, Delaware Bay Adventure" game and earn a prize by visiting all the participating stations throughout the festival, learning about

the natural resources and heritage of the Delaware Bay through games, demonstrations, and challenges. Local food vendors will also be onsite to provide a variety of food and snacks for purchase.

For more information on the Blackbird Creek Fall Festival, contact Maggie Pletta, Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve, 302-739-6377 or visit [de.gov/blackbirdfestival](https://de.gov/blackbirdfestival).

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